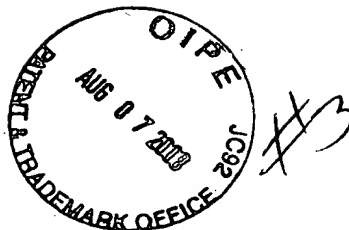


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Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

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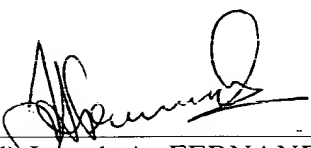
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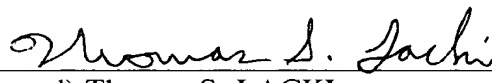
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